

**Date: July 19, 2021**

## **NOTICE OF BOIL WATER ORDER**

**The East Valley water system, PWS ID# NV0002216 has had a LOSS OF PRESSURE that could result in contamination of your drinking water.**

### **BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING**

#### **What should I do?**

##### **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST**

- Bring water to a boil, let it boil for one minute and cool before using (at altitudes above one mile, boil for three minutes); or use bottled water. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice.
- The possible presence of bacteria indicates that the water may be contaminated with other disease causing organisms. Microbes can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely compromised immune systems.
- The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

#### **What is being done?**

Your water supply has been re-established but this precautionary notice is being issued until water samples are collected and testing completed to confirm the absence of bacteria in the water supply. The testing requires that bacteriological samples be collected 24 hours apart. These samples will be taken over the next few days.

**We will inform you when tests show no bacteria and you no longer need to boil your water.** We anticipate resolving the issue and being able to rescind the boil water order by Friday, July 23, 2021.

**For more information please contact Douglas County Public Works at (775) 782-9989**

General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.